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S 779

Wastewater Treatment Works Security and Safety Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Apr 3, 2003

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8662)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8662) (Jul 22, 2004)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 3, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 3, 2003)

Wastewater Treatment Works Security and Safety Act - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require certain water treatment works to assess their vulnerability to terrorist and intentionally disruptive attack and develop an emergency response plan in coordination with local emergency plans.

Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to review both the assessment and the plan. Provides for the protection of the confidentiality of such information. Sets forth record keeping and revision requirements.

Authorizes the Administrator to make grants to water treatment works to assist in compliance and pay the costs of basic security enhancements. Provides grants for immediate and urgent security needs.

Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Administrator to research and review possible terrorist means of intentional disruption as well as alternative treatment processes should a disruption occur.

Authorizes the Administrator to make grants for the improvement of vulnerability self-assessment tools for publicly owned treatment works.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 22, 2004: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8662)
- Apr 3, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Apr 3, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4834-4835)
- Apr 3, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.